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The Honorable Darius J. Brown Delaware General Assembly 411 Legislative Ave. Dover, DE 19904

Dear Senator Brown,

The Delaware Healthcare Association, representing Delaware's hospitals, health systems, and related healthcare organizations, is pleased to support Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 212.

SB 212 seeks to advance health equity by establishing the Bureau of Health Equity in Delaware to ensure that everyone in Delaware will achieve their full health potential. Advancing health equity is one of DHA's top advocacy priorities for 2024. Hospitals play a vital role in ensuring equitable access to care for all Delawareans. DHA is launching a new Health Equity Council in 2024 to help inform the internal and external policies that will reduce healthcare disparities and promote health equity in Delaware. We look forward to working with the Bureau to advance these goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for SS1 for SB 212. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the General Assembly to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,

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